



NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH QUICK FACTS

JULY 1, 2016–JUNE 30, 2017



SUPREME COURT

7 justices

Appeals docketed	137
Appeals disposed	92
Petitions docketed	509
Petitions disposed	515

COURT OF APPEALS

15 judges

Appeals / petitions filed	2,264
Appeals / petitions disposed	2,201

SUPERIOR COURT

109 judges

Total cases filed	264,770
Total cases disposed	290,776

Cases

Cases	Filed	Disposed
Civil*	16,194	16,095
Felonies	107,803	125,927
Misdemeanors**	27,508	28,095
Estates	72,461	77,557
Special proceedings***	40,804	43,102

DISTRICT COURT

272 judges

Total cases filed	2,293,648
Total cases disposed	2,476,584

Cases

Cases	Filed	Disposed
Civil magistrate	205,481	206,037
Civil district	187,330	183,926
Criminal district	1,359,369	1,508,651
Infractions	541,468	577,970

*Includes Business Court cases

**Includes cases that originated in and transferred to superior court, and were appealed from district court

***Only those special proceedings cases that are non-confidential

NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH MISSION

To protect and preserve the rights and liberties of all the people as guaranteed by the Constitutions and laws of the United States and North Carolina by providing a fair, independent, and accessible forum for the just, timely, and economical resolution of their legal affairs

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JUDICIAL BRANCH PERSONNEL

6,232.2*

100.000	Clerks of superior court
2,553.100	Clerk personnel
674.600	Magistrates
44.000	District attorneys
648.000	Assistant district attorneys
8.000	Trial court administrators
1,193.375	Court support staff
400.250	Administrative Office of the Courts personnel
151.875	Guardian ad Litem personnel
56.000	Other**

*The total figure includes FTEs from all funding sources; does not include justices and judges (see reverse side) or Indigent Defense Services FTEs. However, with justices and judges included, the Judicial Branch has 547 independently elected judicial officials.

**Other includes Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, Conference of Clerks of Superior Court, Conference of District Attorneys, Dispute Resolution Commission, Equal Access to Justice Commission, Innocence Inquiry Commission, Judicial Standards Commission, North Carolina Commission on the Administration of Law and Justice, Pro Bono Resource Center, and Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission positions.

JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET*

Total certified appropriations	\$511,770,044
Percentage of total State General Fund budget	2.29%

*Does not include Indigent Defense Services funds.

\$726 MILLION TOTAL DISBURSED TO CITIZENS AND GOVERNMENTS

\$262,523,785 remitted to state treasurer

General Court of Justice and other court fees, probation / parole, collection assistance fee, community service fees, writ of executions, license revocation, installment plan fee, limited driving privilege, copy and transcript fees, arbitration and dispute resolution fees, pro hac vice, electronic monitoring

\$32,082,202 disbursed to other entities

Escheats, law enforcement officers' retirement, Office of Indigent Defense fee recovery, North Carolina State Bar fees, license revocation, Displaced Homemaker Fund, law enforcement officers' training and certification, State Bureau of Investigation lab fees, Domestic Violence Center Fund, satellite based monitoring, misdemeanor confinement

\$5,357,999 receipts collected and disbursed for special operations

Information technology fees, worthless check fees, arbitration fees, miscellaneous operating receipts, fee / payment recovery

\$70,597,568 disbursed to local governments

Fines, forfeitures, facility fees, jail fees, including license revocation, officer fees, lab fees

\$355,127,729 disbursed to citizens

Restitution for victims, restitution for worthless check victims, condemnation awards, trusts, cash bonds, disbursements of funds held due to others, civil judgments, alimony, rent bonds, refunds of overpayments

MISCELLANEOUS

18,085	Abused or neglected children served by Guardian ad Litem program
14	Districts with family courts
25	Districts with court arbitration programs